

**REMARKS**

Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-36, *with traverse*, on the following grounds.

Applicants traverse this restriction requirement on the basis that certain Groups, especially Groups I - IV are so closely related, and they share common technical features (e.g., methods and reagents for detection post-translational modification) that would facilitate searching all groups at once. Therefore, a search and examination of all pending claims, especially Groups I – IV claims, can be made without imposing additional serious burden on the Examiner.

“If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.” (MPEP 803).

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

The Restriction Requirement also asserts that no sequence listing has been filed in this application, and requires Applicants to submit sequence listing in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. Applicants submit that a sequence listing in both a paper form and a computer readable form (CRF) have been submitted with a May 6, 2004 response to Notice to File Missing Parts. PAIR also indicates that the sequence listing was indeed received by the USPTO on May 10, 2004.

In addition, Applicants have amended the specification to recite SEQ ID NOs. for sequences disclosed in the Figures. Applicants submit that the amended specification comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

The Examiner may address any questions raised by this submission to the undersigned at 617-951-7000. Should an extension of time be required, Applicants hereby petition therefor and request that the extension fee and any other fee required for timely consideration of this submission be charged to **Deposit Account No. 18-1945**, under **EPTM-P02-001**.

Respectfully Submitted,

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